Executive Department Austin, Texas April 23, 1937

To the Forty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas:

I have today disapproved and vetoed, and am returning herewith to the House of Representatives (in which the Bill originated) House Bill No. 81, an Act to aid the Pease River Flood Control District by the donation of State ad valorem taxes for a period of two years in four counties.

I have disapproved and vetoed this Bill, as in the case of the Harris County Bill, because of the policy involved; that is, the continued addition of counties to the list already receiving donations or remissions. My objections to the policy involved have been set out heretofore in messages to the Legislature—one before these donation or remission Bills were passed, and the other in my veto of the Harris County remission Bill.

Since the House of Representatives voted on yesterday to sustain my veto to the Harris County Bill I take it that the policy of the State, so far as this Legislature is concerned, is now determined.

I regret to veto Bills with such apparent worthy projects as the two I have vetoed but, in view of the depleted condition of the Treasury and the fact that no revenues have been raised, I have no other alternative.

Respectfully submitted

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Governor of Texas